

Introduced by Senator Bowen

December 6, 2004

An act to add Section 85303.5 to the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 11, as introduced, Bowen. Contributions: voting equipment manufacturers or vendors.

The Political Reform Act of 1974 places certain restrictions on the amount of campaign contributions that an individual or group may make to a candidate for elective office.

This bill would additionally prohibit a candidate for elective state or local office from accepting any contribution from a manufacturer or vendor of voting equipment or systems.

Existing law makes a violation of the act subject to administrative, civil, and criminal penalties.

This bill would impose a state-mandated local program by imposing these penalties on persons who violate the provisions of this bill.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

This bill, which would declare that it furthers the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974, would therefore require a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 85303.5 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:
3 85303.5. A candidate for elective state or local office shall not
4 accept any contribution from a manufacturer or vendor of voting
5 equipment or systems.
6 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
7 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
8 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
9 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
10 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the
11 penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section
12 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a
13 crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the
14 California Constitution.
15 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that the provisions
16 of this act further the purposes of the Political Reform Act of
17 1974 within the meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of
18 the Government Code.